

Table 1 Summary Comparison of Alternatives

Units of Measure	2003 permit	1	2	3	4	5	9
Amount of heli-skiing use in areas used by non-motorized backcountry recreationists (# of client days permitted)	1200 - Core 0 - Exploratory	No permit	1800 - Core 600 - Exploratory	1800 - Core 400 - Exploratory	1200 - Core 0 - Exploratory	1500 - Core 300 - Exploratory	800 - Core 0 - Exploratory
Acres available for heli-skiing	159,100 – Core ¹	No permit	159,100 – Core ¹ 179,100 – Exploratory ²	159,100 – Core ¹ 147,200 – Exploratory ³	159,100 – Core ¹ 0 - Exploratory	135,400 – Core ⁴ 96,000–Exploratory ⁵	104,700 –Core ⁶ 0 - Exploratory
Number of Staging Areas permitted	Girdwood Airport Big Game Alaska Mile 62	No Permit	Girdwood Airport Kern Creek Big Game Alaska Ingram Creek Mile 62 Mile 33.2 Mile 12.4	Girdwood Airport Kern Creek Big Game Alaska Ingram Creek Mile 62 Mile 12.4	Girdwood Airport Big Game Alaska Mile 62	Girdwood Airport Kern Creek Big Game Alaska Ingram Creek Mile 62 Mile 12.4	Girdwood Airport Big Game Alaska Mile 62
Number of Landings permitted at each staging area per day.	30	No permit	30	30	30	30	24
Heli-skiing activity restrictions on Friday, Saturday, Sunday	West Bench Peak	No permit	West Bench Peak	East Seattle Creek West Bench Peak North Bench Peak	West Bench Peak	None	None
Proximity of staging areas and flight paths that could cause potential user conflicts with by non-motorized backcountry recreationists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mile 62 staging area and flights to all Bench Peak units 	No permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mile 62 staging area and flights to all Bench Peak units Mile 12.4 and flights to Snow River Unit and Mt. Ascension units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mile 62 staging area and flights to all Bench Peak units Mile 12.4 and flights to Snow River Unit and Mt. Ascension units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mile 62 staging area and flights to all Bench Peak units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mile 62 staging area and flights to all Bench Peak units Mile 12.4 and flights to Snow River Unit and Mt. Ascension units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mile 62 staging area and flights to East Bench Peak unit
Heli-skiing units where there may be a low, moderate or high conflict with other users: Placer-Skoookum West Bench Peak East Seattle Creek	Moderate Moderate None	No permit	Moderate High Moderate	Moderate Moderate Moderate	Moderate Moderate None	Moderate Low Low	Moderate Low None
Foreground and Mid-ground as seen from the following communities: Girdwood Moose Pass Sunrise	1,814 acres 0 acres 0 acres	No permit	1,933 acres 2,964 acres 688 acres	1,933 acres 855 acres 0 acres	1,814 acres 0 acres 0 acres	1,933 acres 0 acres 0 acres	1,814 acres 0 acres 0 acres

- 1 Core Units include:**
Glacier-Winner Creek
West Twentymile
North Twentymile
East Twentymile
Placer-Skookum**
Grandview
West Bench Peak
North Bench Peak
East Bench Peak

** - 5,800 acres in Placer-Skookum unit are not available for heli-skiing use after March 31 per the Revised Forest Plan

- 2 Exploratory Units include:**
West Seattle Creek
Mid Seattle Creek
East Seattle Creek
West Moose Creek
East Moose Creek
West Ptarmigan
East Ptarmigan
Snow River
Mt Ascension

- 3 Exploratory Units do NOT include:**
West Seattle Creek
West Moose Creek
West Ptarmigan

- 4 Core Units do Not include:**
North Bench Peak
West Bench Peak

- 5 Exploratory Units do NOT include:**
East Seattle Creek
West Seattle Creek
West Ptarmigan
West Moose Creek
Mt. Ascension

- 6 Core Units include:**
Glacier-Winner Creek
West Twentymile
North Twentymile
Placer-Skookum
Grandview
East Bench Peak